



Court of Appeal Holds Historic First: Public Outreach Session in Inyo County

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Riverside—For the first time, the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two (Riverside) will travel to Inyo County to hold a special court-community outreach program starting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2005, Presiding Justice Manuel A. Ramirez has announced.

Outreach Plus is a public outreach program designed to improve the public understanding of the courts and to encourage students to stay in school.

After oral argument and a question-and-answer session, the justices and appellate court staff will team up with Superior Court of Inyo County judges and Inyo County Bar Association lawyers to visit 12th-graders and discuss the importance of staying in school. The program will reach about 900 to 1,200 high school students from all over Inyo County.

This will be a historic first time that the Court of Appeal has conducted oral argument in Inyo County. From 1929 until 1998, the Court of Appeal heard oral argument at its headquarters in San Bernardino, until January 1999 when it moved to Riverside. Joining the justices will be attorney Jennifer A. Gambale and deputy attorney general Jim Deutton in the case of *People v. Kaksih* and attorney Lynelle K. Hee and deputy attorney general Scott C. Taylor in the case of *People v. Gore*.

The program arrangements are a collaborative effort among the Court of Appeal; Superior Court of Inyo County Judges Dean Thomas Stout and Brian Lamb; Steve Place, president of the Inyo County Bar Association; Maggie Kingsbury, principal of Bishop Union High School; and Mark Geyer, superintendent of Bishop Joint Union High School District.

Cases to be Argued

Two criminal appeals cases will be argued.

People v. Kaksih, E035819, is a case in which a jury convicted the appellant of attempted voluntary manslaughter, torture, and mayhem. On appeal, he contends that the trial court incorrectly instructed the jury and that the jury had insufficient evidence that he intended to torture or disfigure the victim.

People v. Gore, E036028, is a case in which the jury convicted the appellant of first degree murder. On appeal, he contends that his incriminating statements were obtained without probable cause.

About 'Outreach Plus'

The Court of Appeal launched Outreach Plus in January 2005. The classroom visits are designed to acquaint students with the appellate court system, encourage students to stay in school, and inspire students to consider a career in law. In the past, the Court of Appeal has held oral argument at high schools in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

The Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two (Riverside) hears appeals from the superior courts of Inyo, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties.

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